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Sussex County Library Advisory Board (LAB) Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

10:00a – Noon

West Complex: Large Conference Room

Attendees: Diana Young, LAB President, John Monahan, LAB Vice President, Mary Schwanky, LAB rep to COL, Kathy Graybeal, County Librarian, Rachel Lynch, Assistant County Librarian, Theo Loppatto, Carol Fitzgerald.

Call to Order. Diana Young at 10:00am

Adoption of the Wed, Feb 19, 2020 Agenda. Motion: Diana Young; 2nd: John Monahan.

Approve Wed, Dec 18, 2019 Minutes. Motion: Steve Schwartz; 2nd: Diana Young

Sussex County Libraries

o Update: LAB member reports.

- Delmar: AARP tax prep going well. "People are showing up!"
- Millsboro: building on the addition progresses. Walls are up.
- Frankford: new librarian on staff; piece on WBOC re: literacy program.
- Seaford: discussion about insurance curveball re: sexual harassment coverage. Develop a template for all to follow? What abuse pieces need to be in the Trustee Manual?
- Bridgeville funding issues sparks conversation about grants and grant-writing.
- John on-board with Alternate Funding Sources Trustees Task Force. His experience and expertise is a valuable addition. He provided resources for raising additional funds.
- John's handout: "The Non-negotiable Role of School Librarians."

o Update: Sussex County Library System Meeting.

- Minutes – January 9, 2020 – Annie Norman visit.
- Agenda topics – February 13, 2020 included safety (active shooters, etc.); refresher re: our Service Standards; Public Library Association Virtual Conference Th, 2/27-F, 2/28/2020; Alateen; LSSI.

o Update: Independent Library Group update.

- December 11, 2019 Funding Formula Meeting – accepted FY 2020 formula + numbers. This group just to make recommendations to the whole group in January 2020.

- January 2, 2020 Trustee Task Force Meeting – Identified purpose was to brainstorm avenues for generating revenue. Emphasis on all levels of government, except municipal. Group recommends we keep current formula for Sussex County funds but ask for more money from grant increase or tax increase. An additional \$700,000 puts Independent libraries on more equal footing.
- January 24, 2020 Independent Library Group Meeting – discussion of the FY 2021 Grant Agreement, Anchor grant allocations. Tabled conversations about comparisons between Independent and County libraries.
- Updates: Sussex County libraries.
 - Census 2020 – Connie Jones + LWV - volunteers in every library once per week. Materials still not in hand!
 - Delawareans for Educational Opportunity v. Carney – costs associated with the assessments will be more than what we get. “Costs \$10 million to get \$2 million?” (Gina Jennings)
 - Explanation of Anchor Grants, application categories and process.

DDL/Steering/DE Libraries/COL

- Update: Council on Libraries
 - Legislative Day Light. Connect with legislative aides, build that relationship. February is good time to do this. United ask for \$1 million...not \$1/person. Mary Schwanky: travel to May 12 Leg Day as group...the LAB of Sussex County. “Square footage has gone up; State Aid has not. This is what we need to show the aides and ask for an explanation.”
 - Library Governance Group discussion tabled.
 - Request to increase hold time from 5 to 7 days. Brings Book By Mail back to forefront.
- Update: Public Library Steering Committee
 - Banning vs. Barring – “limited access.” Conversation tabled.
- Update: Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
 - Connecting to our storytimes, parent education, read-alikes. Data collection useful in a variety of ways: from under/unserved populations to funding.

Adjourn. At 12:18p, Motion by John Monahan; 2nd by Steve Schwartz.